

MISQUAMICUT FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF OFFICERS

May 9, 2015

1. Call to Order

The Board of Officers Meeting of the Misquamicut Fire District was called to Order by Moderator Michelle Vacca at 9:00 a.m. on May 9, 2015.

2. Roll Call

The following Officers were present: Moderator Michelle Vacca, Treasurer William T. Sisco, Tax Collector Mary Delisio, Clerk Dianne Vumback, Tax Assessor Leone D'Onofrio, Fire Chief Todd Findeisen, Member-at-Large Marilyn Bellesheim and Member-at-Large Russell Ryan . Solicitor John P. Toscano, Jr. was also present.

3. Resident Comments/Officers' Responses

None.

4. Consent Calendar

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion duly made by Tax Assessor Mr. Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Member-at-Large Mr. Russell Ryan to accept the meeting minutes of April 15, 2015 with corrections, and it was unanimously,

VOTED: To accept the meeting minutes of April 15, 2015.

Appointment and Resignations

None.

5. New Business

(a) Report/Discussion Budget 2015-2016

A detailed discussion ensued where board members referred to the group department expenses based on the proposed Misquamicut Fire District Budget and referenced the Finance Committee recommendations. We will place the Finance Committee Recommended Budget placed on record.

Upon motion duly made by Tax Assessor Mr. Leone D'Onofrio and

seconded by Fire Chief Todd Findeisen that we add a line item for a pick-up truck by increasing the budget by \$10,000 for the next three years.

Discussion ensued.

Tax Assessor Mr. Leone D'Onofrio withdraws this motion.

Solicitor John Toscano advises the Board that they can approve the recommendation that the fire department buy a new pick-up truck. After that, a motion can be made at the annual meeting that we include a separate line item to increase the budget.

Upon motion duly made by Tax Assessor Mr. Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Tax Collector Ms. Mary Delisio that the board recommend the purchase of a pick-up truck at this year's Annual Meeting, and it was unanimously,

VOTED: To recommend the purchase of a pick-up truck at this year's Annual Meeting.

Upon motion duly made by Member-at-Large Mr. Russell Ryan and seconded by Tax Collector Ms. Mary Delisio that the board present at the annual meeting that we would like to purchase a new pick-up truck for our fire department with a proposed cost of \$37,000 minus the trade-in, for a final cost of approximately \$30,000 and recommend

three year financing, and it was unanimously,

VOTED: To recommend the purchase of truck with a final cost of approximately \$30,000 and recommend three year financing.

Upon motion duly made by Tax Assessor Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Member-at-Large Mr. Russell Ryan, that although the finance committee recommended a salary increase for board members, the board prefers to wait, and it was unanimously,

VOTED: To not increase the salaries of board members at this time.

Upon motion duly made by Tax Assessor Mr. Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Member-at-Large Mr. Russell Ryan, that we accept the Finance Committee's proposed budget at the rate of \$41,800 for insurance, it was unanimously,

VOTED: To accept the Finance Committee's proposed budget at the rate of \$41,800 for insurance.

Upon motion duly made by Tax Assessor Mr. Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Member-at-Large Mr. Russell Ryan, that we accept the Finance Committee's recommendation of \$85,500 for garbage collection, it was unanimously,

VOTED: To accept the Finance Committee's recommendation of

\$85,500 for garbage collection.

Solicitor Toscano states that the contract for rubbish removal expires on June 30, 2015. We need to put that to the floor at Annual Meeting that EZ offered a two year extension for the same amount at \$84,000. At \$86,000 they will extend the contract for the next three years.

Upon motion duly made by Tax Assessor Mr. Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Member-at-Large Mr. Russell Ryan, that we accept the EZ two year extension at the same rate of \$84,000 and enter into a new contract for three years after that at the rate of \$86,000, it was unanimously,

VOTED: To accept the EZ two year extension at the same rate and enter into a new contract for three years after that at the rate of \$86,000.

Upon motion duly made by Tax Assessor Mr. Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Tax Collector Ms. Mary Delisio that we increase salaries, with a bottom line figure of \$13,000 in the total category, to account for increases that is required to attract and attain the proper staffing to open the beaches with a review of a proposed salary recommendation that is presented to us by the beach manager at the next board meeting, it was unanimously,

VOTED: To increase the beach salaries category, not exceed \$13,000

based on a proposed salary recommendation that is presented to us by the hiring committee.

Upon motion duly made by Tax Assessor Mr. Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Tax Collector Ms. Mary Delisio, that we accept the Finance Committee's recommendation for "other expenses", it was unanimously,

VOTED: To accept the Finance Committee's recommendation for "other".

Upon motion duly made by Tax Assessor Mr. Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Tax Collector Ms. Mary Delisio, that we maintain current budget of \$19,850 under Maintenance, it was unanimously,

VOTED: To maintain current budget of \$19,850 under Maintenance.

Upon motion duly made by Tax Assessor Mr. Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Tax Collector Ms. Mary Delisio, that we accept \$2,400 as the annual budget for the category of utilities, which is an increase of \$575, it was unanimously,

VOTED: To accept \$2,400 as the annual budget for the category of utilities.

Upon motion duly made by Tax Assessor Mr. Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Tax Collector Ms. Mary Delisio, that we increase to \$26,000 from the current taxes from \$23,500, it was unanimously

VOTED: To increase to \$26,000 from the current taxes from \$23,500

Upon motion duly made by Tax Assessor Mr. Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Member-at-Large Mr. Russell Ryan to decrease the final category of "Other" from \$43,320 to \$28,000.

VOTED: To decrease the final category of "Other" to \$28,000.

Treasurer Mr. William Sisco will send out the new budget numbers prior to our next board meeting.

6. Unfinished Business

(a) Discussion – Blackledge Final Numbers

Solicitor John Toscano and Moderator Vacca have had discussions over the water leak problem at Lawton Avenue facilities, in the men's bathroom. Work product issues are not covered by our insurance company. With our insurance, we have a \$1,000 deductible and they gave us an estimate of \$1,500 worth of damage. The board recommends withdrawing the claim.

The Moderator has contacted Mr. Scott Carter, who estimates that the bill for repairs will be around \$2,500 (includes work done due to improper flashing and caulking issues).

(b) Discussion – Electronic Gates for two parking lots

We have \$7,500 from Haviland family. A quote for roughly \$5,000 for the electronic gates, but would require that all site work is done by us. A proposal will be made at the Annual Meeting.

7. Communications and Reports

(a) Report of Solicitor John P. Toscano

1. Contract with Blackledge Final numbers

See Unfinished Business

(b) Report of Tax Collector Mary Z. Delisio

1. Status of Taxpayer arrearages

(c) Report of Fire Chief Todd Findeisen

(d) Report of Moderator Michelle M. Vacca

(e) Report of Centennial group

Clerk Dianne Vumback reports that the Centennial group has been meeting every two weeks. Many details regarding the celebration have been taken care of including food, entertainment and activities

for children and adults, and logistics for such events.

8. Agenda Referrals

The following items are referred to the next Board meeting under the agenda item of New Business:

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held May 9, 2015

Finalizing the 2015-2106 District Budget

Annual Meeting Preparations

Pricing of Electronic Gates for two parking lots

Beach Access Rights

Discussion for hourly rate for summer employees

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Officers of the Misquamicut Fire District will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Vumback, Clerk